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## PAUL'S NOTE

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- \* Mark your calendars: Our next community Shred-It event will be April 19th
- \* Fort Lowell Day, Feb. 8, see page 4
- \* Drop off old medicines at Police stations, see page 4

Members of my staff met with Lieutenants John Buckley and Eric Johnson. They have just been moved to Operations Division East, the police district that includes most of Ward 2.

One of the things that my staff brought up with them was noise complaints. We get a lot of those, whether it's barking dogs, loud parties or construction. Their advice is to call 911, and they will dispatch a community service officer to the area.

Many people are reluctant to call 911 for something that isn't life threatening. Both lieutenants assured us that the way our 911 system is structured, non-emergency calls are given a lower priority and you are not taking away resources from someone in a life threatening situation.

Wednesday night, I had the chance to go to a welcoming banquet for the NC Dinos. The Dinos were a minor league Korean team that did their spring training here last year. This year, they are getting ready for their first season in the

Korean Professional Baseball League, South Korea's Major League.

A second Korean team, the Hanwha Eagles also made the trip out this year. We lost MLB spring training, but we continue to be a destination for teams. I hope we can continue our relationship with both baseball and Major League Soccer.

In other baseball news, MLB first baseman Shelley Duncan hosted a free baseball clinic this last Saturday. Duncan is a native Tucsonan that played three seasons for the Yankees, as well as Tampa Bay and Cleveland. It is nice to see professional athletes give back to their home towns. Also, I'd like to thank Colonel Eddie Resner of the Arizona Rangers for helping out with security.

Since we are talking about youth sports, I have to note that this weekend is the Tucson Association of Realtors Shootout. The event has, until recently, been known as the Fort Lowell Shootout and has long been the premier youth soccer exhibition in our region.

This one will be particularly special to me as I am coaching my son's team in the tournament.

Events like the Shootout are important because they engage our youth, get them in the habit of exercising and most importantly, teach values like teamwork and sportsmanship. But they also have a huge economic impact. Of the 321 teams to compete this year, 174 come from out of town. A team full of kids doesn't travel alone. You've got parents and coaches, and all those people stay in hotels and eat at our restaurants. According to Visit Tucson, this tournament is going to bring \$5 million to our local economy.

That's your math lesson for the day and from a PE teacher no less.

I hope everyone has a great weekend.

## NO FEES AT SAGUARO FOR MLK DAY

Saguaro National Park will be joining along with other national park units across the country to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with a fee-free entry into the park on Monday, January 20. Visitors arriving in the park on Monday will be allowed to enter free of charge. Those who plan to spend time in the park beyond January 20st will need to pay the regular \$10.00 entrance fee for the remainder of their stay.

“This is just one small way that we can honor the contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to our nation by encouraging people to visit their national parks and what they mean to the fabric of America,” said Saguaro Superintendent Darla Sidles.

Park visitors are also reminded that the fee-free designation applies to entrance fees only and does not affect fees for camping. Park entrance stations and visitor centers will have Saguaro Annual Passes, along with Interagency Senior, Active Military, and Annual Passes available for those who wish to purchase them.

For more information on Saguaro National Park, please visit the park's web site at [www.nps.gov/sagu](http://www.nps.gov/sagu).

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## COOKING OIL AND GREASE RECYCLING

Pima County Wastewater reminds you not to pour grease down the drain. It could clog your pipes, force costly repairs and cause sewers to back up into your home. Also, cockroaches love grease.

Instead of feeding the roaches, they recommend you pour grease into a sealed container and dispose of it in the trash. You can also drop off grease for recycling to the following locations:

Originate Natural Building Materials: 526 N Ninth Ave, Tues.—Fri. 12 pm—6 pm, Saturday 12 pm—4pm

EDG Fuels: 8939 S Eisenhower Rd, Mon.—Fri. 7 am—4 pm

Mary's Market: 1555 S 10th Ave, Mon.— Fri. 6 am—1pm



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## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

The Tucson/Pima County Household Hazardous Waste Program has changed the 2nd Saturday Outreach Collection to a “mobile” event. Every month, the collection event will be in a different neighborhood so that more Tucsonans will have easy access to the program. The 1st Saturday collection at the Eastside Service Center, 7575 E Speedway, will still continue. The collections run from 8 am to noon. For more information, visit [www.tucsonaz.gov/hhw](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/hhw) or call 888-6947

**IMPORTANT:** Do not drop off household hazardous waste at the Ward 2 Council Office. We have no way of storing it. Please wait until a scheduled monthly drop off.

*1st Saturday:* Eastside Service Center, 7575 E Speedway. Enter site by turning north on Prudence.

*2nd Saturday:* Feburary: El Rio Neighborhood Center, 1390 W Speedway

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## PIMA COUNTY NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Are you involved in a neighborhood association or organization? Do you want to improve your leadership skills?

The Pima County Neighborhood Reinvestment Program is offering a Neighborhood Leadership Institute on Saturday, Jan. 25, to help residents, especially of stressed neighborhoods and communities, energize their organizations.

The institute will be 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Pima County Housing Center, 801 W. Congress St. Topics to be covered include how to recruit and keep members and how to create a neighborhood resource directory.

Please see the attached printable flier.

Seats are limited so reserve your place today by contacting Leslie Nixon at 520-243-6769 or [Leslie.Nixon@pima.gov](mailto:Leslie.Nixon@pima.gov).

The institute is free for designated representatives of neighborhood groups and \$50 for others.

For more information about the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program, visit its website at <http://webcms.pima.gov/cms/one.aspx?portalId=169&pageId=2136> or find it on Facebook.

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## AFTER SCHOOL MEALS

A new after-school free meal program begins at Freedom Center. The meals will be served from 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday for youth ages 18 and under at the Freedom Center through May 2014. The program is sponsored by the USDA Child and Adult Care Food program (CACFP).

A program enrollment form is to be completed to enroll in the program, and the form can be obtained from the Freedom Center, 5000 E. 29th Street. For more information about the meal program contact Anne Krepps, Child Nutrition Programs Manager at [akrepps@communityfoodbank.org](mailto:akrepps@communityfoodbank.org) or call 882-3285.




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## GRAFFITI

In an ongoing effort to combat the public nuisance of graffiti in our city and neighborhoods, TEP has launched a new tool to assist our customers in reporting graffiti on TEP equipment throughout our service territory. At [tep.com](http://tep.com), a link has been provided to allow customers to report graffiti in an efficient way by providing the location of the graffiti, nearest cross streets and a picture (if available) of the tagged equipment. Providing a picture greatly enhances the ability to respond quickly with the appropriate materials for safe and proper removal of the graffiti. Once a notice is received, the information goes directly to TEP staff dedicated to abating graffiti.

While TEP will continue to rely on the City for notifying TPD of the graffiti reported to us through the City Transportation Department, they are working to determine an efficient police reporting process for graffiti reports they receive directly through our website.

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## PARKS INFORMATION

**30TH ANNUAL SENIOR OLYMPIC FESTIVAL REGISTRATION:** The Senior Olympics run through February 2, 2014, and at various venues throughout the City. Some of the events include; volleyball, cycling, bowling, bridge, racquetball, basketball shoot, pickle ball, archery, golf, tennis, horseshoes, badminton and more. Registration can be done at [www.EZEEreg.com](http://www.EZEEreg.com) For complete Senior Olympic Festival information visit [www.TucsonSeniorGames.org](http://www.TucsonSeniorGames.org) or contact 791-3244.

**UDALL POOL CLOSURE:** The Udall pool is closed until March 31 for the winter season. The pool will re-open April 1, 2014. For additional questions, please contact 791-4245.

**2014 PROGRAM GUIDE AND CLASS CATALOG:** The 2014 Parks and Recreation Spring Program Guide and Class Catalog has been published. The catalog can be picked up at any City recreation facility and it can also be viewed online at [www.ezeereg.com](http://www.ezeereg.com) Spring classes run January 5-May 10, 2014.

**FOLLOW PARKS AND RECREATION ON FACEBOOK:** [www.facebook.com/TucsonParksandRecreation](http://www.facebook.com/TucsonParksandRecreation)

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## FORT LOWELL DAY

The annual Fort Lowell Day celebration will take place on Saturday, February 8, from 10 am – 4 pm.

The Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood has been called a microcosm of Southwest history, because people of many cultures have lived here for well over a thousand years. Ancient Hohokam dwellings and artifacts are still being unearthed. Historic Mormon aqueducts still carry water and harbor wildlife. Ruins of the Fort Lowell military camp are preserved and interpreted, and descendants of Mexican settlers of the village of El Fuerte (The Fort) still reside in the adobe homes of their ancestors.

Once a year, the residents of this historic district invite all of Tucson to explore this special corner of the community. On Saturday, February 8th, from 10 am to 4 pm, Fort Lowell and the neighboring village of El Fuerte will come alive in the 33rd edition of Fort Lowell Day. Events are centered in Fort Lowell Park, The San Pedro Chapel, and a number of historic sites bordering Fort Lowell Road.

All events are free. For more information, visit [oldfortlowellneighborhood.org](http://oldfortlowellneighborhood.org)

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## RX SAFE, SMART & SECURE

Amistades Inc., 4R Communities Alliance, Luz Southside Coalition and the Community Prevention Coalition of Pima County have teamed up with the Tucson Police Department to offer a safe way to dispose of your expired drugs.

A drop off service is being offered at five Tucson Police Department substations:

- Southside Santa Cruz Substation, 4410 S. Park Ave, at East Fair Street
  - Westside Police Service Center, 1310 W. Miracle Mile near North Flowing Wells Road
  - Midtown Substation, 1100 S. Alvernon Way at East 22nd Street
  - Downtown Main Station, 270 S. Stone Ave. near West Cushing Street
  - Eastside Rincon Substation, 9670 E. Golf Links Road near South Harrison Road.
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Please bring these items to the Ward 2 Office  
for the following charities:

**THE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK—Non Perishable  
Items**

**DIAPER BANK OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA—  
Infant/Child/Adult Diapers**

**TIHAN - Personal Care Items for Individuals  
and Families in Need**

**LIONS CLUB—Eye Glasses**

**DANCING IN THE STREETS ARIZONA—Ballet/  
Dance Equipment**

**CASA MARIA—Plastic bags**

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## MAYOR AND COUNCIL

The next Mayor and Council meeting will be on Wednesday, January 22, Regular Session starts at 5:30 pm following an afternoon study session. Note that the meeting is scheduled for a Wednesday rather than the usual Tuesday. There is always a short call to the audience before the business portion of the meeting. Council chambers are located downtown at 255 W Alameda.

The agendas for the meetings are posted online at <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/clerks/mcdocs>

